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From: Cathy Noh [mailto:cathy.noh@saylorcompany.com]
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Subject: Statement from President Eduard Kokoity in Response to Open Letter
Importance: High

Attached is a statement from President Eduard Kokoity in response to today's open letter from Vaclav Havel and others. Please consider this in your coverage of the region.

Best regards,

Cathy Noh

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STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT EDUARD KOKOITY IN RESPONSE TO HAVEL OPEN LETTER

“Vaclav Havel and the co-signers of today’s open letter to Europe are turning history on its head by ignoring the genuine democratic aspirations of the people of Abkhazia and South Ossetia and, instead, siding with a reckless Georgian president who launched a five-day war in August 2008 that killed hundreds and left thousands homeless.

Their abuse of history confirms only their intellectual bankruptcy. If they genuinely want to support peace in the Caucasus, they would use their moral influence to persuade Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili to sign a pledge of non-violence against his neighbors.

In light of their appalling misunderstanding of our region, I remind Havel and others of an important historical fact: The border they are attempting to resurrect around Georgia was drawn not by Georgia’s democracy champions but by Josef Stalin, who forced South Ossetia and Abkhazia into what was then the Georgian Soviet Socialist Republic. After decades of violence inflicted by nationalist Georgian leaders, the people of South Ossetia and Abkhazia are dismantling a wall of oppression and fear and building a future as free and independent nations.

The right of self determination is a foundation of democracy. Mr. Havel, of all people, knows that and his country has prospered because of it. Why would South Ossetians and Abkhazians deserve anything less?”

--Eduard Kokoity, President, Republic of South Ossetia

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Importance: High

Please consider the attached statement from South Ossetian President Eduard Kokoity in your coverage of President Saakashvili's UN General Assembly speech today.

Feel free to contact me if you need further information on South Ossetia.

Best regards,

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**STATEMENT BY SOUTH OSSETIAN PRESIDENT EDUARD KOKOITY
IN RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT SAKASHVILI'S UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SPEECH**

"President Saakashvili claims to be a statesman. Yet once again, he has shown his disregard for the truth and refused to take responsibility for his reckless actions. It was he who cynically told the people of South Ossetia that they were safe, and then hours later ordered his troops to fire on Tskhinval, triggering the August war. It is he who is responsible for the resulting humanitarian disaster, most of which occurred in South Ossetia. It is he who has refused to renounce violence against us, making it impossible to build the peace and prosperity desired by people everywhere. I hope that these facts will be fairly and objectively presented in next week's EU report, and that the world will finally know the truth about how President Saakashvili conducts Georgia's affairs.

It is unfortunate that the U.N. has given President Saakashvili a powerful platform to shift the focus away from his irresponsible behavior. Instead of pursuing a dialogue of peace and diplomacy, he is trying to use South Ossetia and Abkhazia as levers to pit Russia against the U.S. and the West. This is a dangerous and reckless strategy, which only serves to fuel the tensions and increase the likelihood of further conflict.

Let me be clear: South Ossetia will never again be a part of Georgia. As president, I have taken steps to ensure that all of our peace-loving citizens—regardless of their ethnicity—can return home safely. We are rebuilding homes and schools. We are creating the institutions of a true democracy; holding elections, establishing a judicial system, and building businesses that can provide a future for our people. We invite the members of the U.N. to visit us and see for themselves.

President Saakashvili is trying to stifle an honest discussion about South Ossetia because he knows the truth will resonate with all who resent oppression and wish to be free—just as Georgians themselves have for centuries. "

-- Eduard Kokoity, President, Republic of South Ossetia

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